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Dear Mother

I rec^d of two letters
for Garrison about a week
ago from you he started
for home two days before
I rec^d them I did not ans-
wer them because there was
no mail to leave here till
to day, I staying here
at head quarters yet
Jimmy has been to N. O.
about a week with the
Dr and got back yesterday
he saw Garrison there he
was a going to start from
there in day or two

he is going up the
river by the way of Cairo
I am glad he ~~it~~ has gone
although it is quite some
~~time~~ for me here now but
that don't trouble me any
I have got used to being
homesick along time ago
I would like to go myself
but its no use of talking
I shall have to stay "three
years or during the war"
there is to be an exchange
of prisoners here tomorrow
at 8 o'clock there was four
hundred came up from
New Orleans yesterday and
the uss are going bringing
a like number of ours from
Texas. there is a man to
be shot here the 28th of
this month he belongs
to Co. C. of our Reg^t

his name is Charles
Turner he deserted at
Fort Hudson when we first
went there and he ~~was~~
left the rest in the fight
at camp Bismarck
he is a worthless good
for nothing rascal he is
not fit to live.

There is not any news here
worth a writing we probably
will not stay here a great
while longer for we have
stripped the country of almost
every thing forage is getting
pretty scarce the trains
have to go a ~~long~~ ~~good~~
number of miles for it
I dont know what the
citizens will do when we
leave here for there will
be nothing left for them
to live on. I dont care
for that—

I wanted to send a letter by Harrison but I did not have time to write one that morning he started for we were moving the Headquarters and I had considered to do. He can tell you all that you will want to know which would be a great deal better than I could write it.

Well I must stop writing for it is now time for the steamboat to come along. you must excuse this miserable writing for I am in a great hurry. Give my love to all

From your Affet. Son
J. G. Brand